

## **REMARKS**

Applicants have cancelled claims 11-12, 29-30, 49-50 and 122-124 and amended claims 27, 46, 82 and 95 as set forth above. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 1-4, 6-10, 13- 23, 25-26, 31-42, 44-45, 51-67, 69-80, 83-93, 96-97, 107, 109 and 116-121 are allowable over the prior art of record. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has objected to claim 82 asserting the claim appears to be missing a full stop period at the end of the claim. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 82 to include the missing period as set forth above. In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

The Office has rejected claims 27, 28, 46, 47, 48 and 95 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, asserting these claims now depend from claims which were cancelled in response to the prior Office Action. Applicants sincerely apologize for this oversight and have amended claims 27, 46, and 95 as set forth above so these claims all now depend from pending claims. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and with this rejection.

The Office has rejected claims 11-12, 29-30, 49-50, and 122-124 under 35 U.S.C. 101. Although Applicants strongly disagree with the Office's position as articulated in Applicants' prior response, in view of the extended prosecution Applicants have expended their resources on this matter and accordingly have cancelled claims 11-12, 29-30, 49-50, and 122-124 to place this application in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing cancellation and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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